

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 18, 2019 5 & 7 PM

Township Hall 3031 S. Athey Ave, Clare, MI 48617

Meeting to interview clerk candidates called to order at 5pm by Supervisor Schunk with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Anna Sharp, Lamar Gunden, Lee Schunk, Andrew Verhage, Erma Kleinhardt present.

AGENDA: Addition to agenda of Discussion of contact with State Treasury, Fire Protection Funding

5 PM Conducted interviews with three candidates for clerk position.

7PM SPECIAL MEETING

Amendments to Fiscal 18-19 Budget: Excel work sheet was presented, to be finalized at March 25th special meeting.

- Lee Schunk moved to cut the \$100/month mileage/reimbursement payment to supervisor, clerk, treasurer and zoning administrator as of the February and March 2019 payrolls; and also to reduce the salary for trustees to \$100 per month. Lamar Gunden seconded. Roll call: Kleinhardt - yes, Schunk - yes, Gunden - yes, Sharp - yes, Verhage - yes. Motion carried.

Review of Proposals for Fiscal 19-20 budget: Excel work sheet was presented; several items discussed and will be continued to the March 25th special meeting.

Discussion of Status of payables and checking balance: Payroll through January has been caught up, due for payroll withholding and taxes to be sent in, all small recurring bills caught up through last week.

Additional Bank Accounts:

- Lamar Gunden moved to have the treasurer get a sweep account established for payroll and also a savings account for the Garbage Fund. Verhage seconded. Roll call: Kleinhardt - yes, Schunk - yes, Gunden - yes, Sharp - yes, Verhage- yes. Motion carried.

Contact with State Dept. of Treasury: The treasurer and clerk called Rod Taylor in Lansing on March 14th and reported that the township is in financial distress. He and his team will work with us to help us implement best practices and give assistance to bring the township back to financial health. He requested that we get a quote from an auditing firm to review our financial affairs and that we have an attorney send a certified letter to all present/recent past township officials requesting that all documents and electronic files pertaining to township business and any township equipment is brought to the township offices. Board agreed to these requests.

Fire Protection Update: Supervisor Schunk has received notice that the City of Harrison Fire Department is filing suit to demand full payment for the cost of fire protection for the 2019 contract year. If a judgment is granted to Harrison, the township will be forced into a special assessment for fire protection payment on the next tax statements. The official notice will be brought to the board and a decision on the township's response will be made on March 25th.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 P.m.

Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk

*Approved 4/1/19
w/ date corrections*